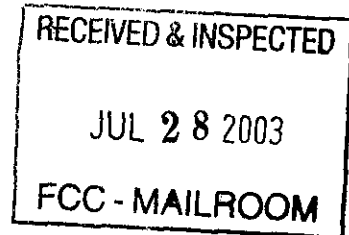


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July 25, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary,  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

ATTN: Safety Net Additive Support Qualification

RE: Safety Net Additive Support Qualification, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary:

Please accept this as written notice that Hemingford Co-operative Telephone Company, Study Area Code 371558, is seeking to qualify for safety net additive support, pursuant to Section 36.605 of the Commission's rules. This qualification is based on an increase of at least 14% in per loop telecommunications plant in service (TPIS) between 2002 and 2001. Written notice is simultaneously being provided to Ms. Irene Flannery of the Universal Service Administrative Company. Further, this notice is being provided in conjunction with the carriers' annual data submission to the National Exchange Carrier Association.

Please direct all correspondence relating to this filing to the undersigned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Theron W. Jensen  
General Manager

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